(d) As per a quick estimate, the additional cost of giving Ad-hoc and temporary Incentive to the Islanders would be approximately Rs. 30 lakhs per annum.

Increase in Government borrowings

*188. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has expressed concern over the expected increase in Government borrowings during the second half of the year;

(b) whether, according to a RBI report, net Government borrowings stood at Rs. 23,250 crores and the gross borrowings at Rs. 75,050 crores forming 29 per cent and 49 per cent of the budgeted amount, respectively; and

(c) whether the RBI has cautioned Government not to cross the fiscal deficit target?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reserve Bank of India, in its Mid-term Review of Annual Policy Statement for the year 2004-2005 has, *inter-alia,* stated that in view of strong credit demand, the market borrowing programme of the Government in the second half of the year needs to be calibrated carefully.

(b) Yes, Sir, in so far as Government borrowings upto October 21,2004 are concerned.

(c) The Mid-term Review of Annual Policy Statement for the year 2004-2005 has, *inter-alia,* reiterated the Government's policy that it is important to ensure that there is no slippage in fiscal deficit.

Direct Air service between Bhubaneswar and Delhi

*191. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has made **a** request for introduction of flight between Bhubaneshwar and Delhi *via* Varanasi to help the Buddhist tourists to visit Buddhist spots in Orissa;